

Workingmen's Houses,  
Nicholas M. Sutton House  
9 Locust Street  
Dubuque  
Dubuque County  
Iowa

HABS No. 1A-159-BP

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**PHOTOGRAPHS  
HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA**

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**Site Location:**

9 Locust Street  
Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa  
DOT designation: Resource Site No. 4.31  
Cadastral grid : NE1/4 SE1/4 S25 T89N R2E  
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'  
UTM coordinates: 15.691880.4706830  
Lot dimensions : 23'x 136': .07 acre  
Lot description: City Lot 576A

**Present Owner:**

Gloria Mary Sutton

**Present Usage:**

single family residence

**Present Condition :**

fair

**Overall Dimensions:** 2-story main block: 18'x 26'; 2-story rear addition: 12'x 14'; 1-story enclosed rear porch: 6'x 14'; front porch: 18'x 5'.

**Orientation :**

east

**Architectural**

Plan type : rectangular, 2-story

**Description :**

Foundation: coursed limestone rubble perimeter walls.

Structure : wood frame

Ext. walls: aluminum siding installed over wood beveled siding (with fish-scale shingles in front gable).

**Roofs** : moderately pitched gables on 2-story main section and rear addition; shallow hipped and shed roofs on front and rear porches, respectively; asphalt shingles and roll roofing throughout.

**Chimneys** : brick exterior chimney on side wall of main block.

**Dormers** : none

**Openings** : painted wood 1/1 double-hung windows with aluminum storms throughout; original architraves removed, leaving plain casings, hood molds and slip sills; single-leaf front door with transom offset under front porch.

**Porches** : full-width, single-story front porch, with wood deck, hipped roof and (replacement) wrought iron columns and step railing.

**Details** : boxed cornices on all roof edges.

**Construction Date :** c.1909

**Architecture Style:** Gable ended box

**Physical History :** Laborer Nicholas M. Sutton first appears at this address in the Dubuque city directories in 1909, indicating the probable construction

date for this two-story frame house. Sutton himself lived here into the 1970s, and the property has remained in the Sutton family to the present. Although retaining its overall form, the building has undergone extensive alterations, most serious of which is the installation of aluminum siding on the exterior walls in 1979.

**Significance:** Although its scale, configuration, fenestration and use of materials are similar to nearby structures on Dodge Street built over thirty years earlier, the Nicholas M. Sutton House illustrates the subtle effects of stylistic changes on this relatively modest house type. The slightly increased height to create more attic space, the frame window architraves (now removed) and fish-scale shingles in the gable (now covered with aluminum siding) distinguish this house as a more architecturally self-conscious example of the simple gable ended box - the prevalent house type in this neighborhood.

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